Detention in excess of permissible free time	Rate per 8-wheeled Broad Gauge (BG) wagon per hour, or part of an hour	
	Prior to 1.1 2006	w.e.f. 1.1.2006
First 24 hours	Rs. 100/-	
Next 24 hours	Rs. 200/-	75/-
Beyond 48 hours	Rs. 300/-	

Rates of punitive charge have been reduced w.e.f. 23.12.2005. Now the punitive charge will be levied at 2 times of the freight rates applicable to that commodity if the aggregate payload in a rake does not exceed the combined permissible carrying capacity of the rake. In case the aggregate payload in a rake exceeds the permissible carrying capacity of the rake, punitive charge will be levied at 3 times of the freight rates applicable to the highest class

Blowing up of Railway Station in Bihar

3009. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 armed members of Maoist blew up a railway station and damaged railway tracks and overhead wires in Gaya district of Bihar, which forced the Railways to cancel large number of trains on Gaya-Dhanbad section on the 9th April, 2006;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how much damage to the railway property was done by them and what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the safety of railway property from the attack of Maoists in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 9-4-2006 at about 00.40 hrs. about 25-30 armed Maoists arrived at Bansinala block Hut and captured the four persons *viz.* Cabinman, a porter, one off-duty porter, on duty Ticket Contractor and took them towards South West side about 01 kilometre, after that they blasted and destroyed the Bansinala Block Halt building. They also caused two more explosions between Up and Down

railway tracks at KM No. 444/2. Over Head Equipments (OHE) were also damaged due to this impact between KM No. 443/16-445/4 on Down Line. After causing explosions and shouting slogans, the Ultras set free all the four persons without harming them. Railway Protection Force, Government Railway Police and Local Police including Superintendent of Railway Police, Patna, Superintendent of Police Gaya and Assistant Security Commissioner/Railway Protection Force (RPF), Dhanbad arrived at the site and conducted enquiry.

In this connection Government Railway Police Station/Gaya has registered a case No. 54/2006 dated 9-4-2006 under sections 147,148, 347, 353, 427 IPC; 150, 151 of the Railways Act; Sections 3 and 4 of Explosion Act; Section 17 of Criminal Law Act; Section 27 of Arms Act.

(c) In this incident, property worth Rs. 18,00,000/- was damaged.

Whenever, information or intelligence regarding bundh called by Maoists is received, security measures are adopted with deployment of Railway Protection Force/Railway Protection Special Force in coordination with Civil Police and Government Railway Police at sensitive Railway Station/ sections for safety of railway property and passengers.

Safety of passengers

3010. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KI DWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the discussions which the Railway Board have had with the Director Generals of Police, as directed by him on 24th of December, in Chennai, while expressing his concern that "providing security to passengers is the responsibility of the State-run Government Railway Police Personnel, but they are not doing their duty well"; and

(b) whether any action was taken against Government Railway Police Personnel who were on duty in the running train when incident of rape and looting happened near Jhansi in the third week of December, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) No, Sir. No such meeting was held in December 2005 with Director Generals of Police in Chennai.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Departmental Action was taken against the GRP (Government Railway Police) of Bhopal Division by the Government Railway Police, Madhya Pradesh.